

SENATOR MARVEL: Special Order, number eight, one hour. LB 665. What is the status of the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Read title to LB 665. The bill was considered, Mr. President, on February 20, 1978. The committee amendments were adopted at that time. A motion, offered by Senator Mills, was adopted. A second motion, offered by Senator DeCamp, was adopted. Senator Mills offered a second motion which was adopted by the body. Mr. President, I now have a motion pending by Senator Chambers. The amendment is request number 2777. It can be found on page 839 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, before that is done I would like to raise a point of order in order to obtain a clarification. I had made a unanimous consent motion, on a Friday, to bracket the bill till March 6th. When we came back, the following Monday, Senator DeCamp moved to take up LB 665 immediately on that Monday. His motion prevailed and the bill was debated. The following day, on the worksheet which would be a Tuesday, February 21st, we see that my bracketing motion, which was never voted down, a motion was never made to unbracket the bill. So the day after our Monday debate the worksheet shows LB 665 still bracketed until March 6th. I talked to the Clerk. There is no motion or unanimous consent to have the bill unbracketed. I have searched the Journal, from that date, and there has been no motion of any kind to unbracket the bill. The bill should have stayed bracketed until such motion was made. Since no request was publicly made of the Speaker so that we would be aware of this, I would ask you that since the last notation on the bracketing shows the bill having been bracketed till March 6th, I relied on this sheet. The first that I knew that the bill would come up this morning was when the green agenda came out this morning. I would ask you to allow the bill to come up on March 6th, as this worksheet indicated. To further show how the difficulty exists, if we had completed the debate on Monday and the motion by Senator DeCamp on that time was to continue and 665 was to remain on the special order, we would have taken it up Tuesday, and we would have continued it on the special order, as we had done bills on special order, until that particular proposition was changed. I am asking that LB 665 remain bracketed until March 6th, as the worksheet on February 21st indicates. Remember what I'm telling you. The bracketing motion was never voted on. The bill has never been voted to be unbracketed. There is no such motion on record. I would ask you to leave it bracketed until March 6th. That is the target date I had. I have discussed the bill with Senator DeCamp's counsel for the Banking Committee. His understanding, as we discussed it, was that the issue would come up March 6th. This is not a ringer attempting to be slipped in. Everything I did was based on what the worksheet has shown. I would ask that we hold the bill until March 6th.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Chambers, you asked for a ruling from the Chair. May I, first of all, indicate that even if my signature is on the bill you know that I would not throw a ringer at you. It is the consensus of opinion, and it is my ruling, and you can do what you like, but you asked for a ruling, that once the bill was taken out of its bracket position and the debate began on the bill, that the bill, therefore, was outside of the bracketing position and it is in order to take up the bill at this time. It has no bracketing status at this time. So if there is no other discussion, the Chair will renew the motion to proceed with Item 8, which is the Special Order. Mr. Clerk. Excuse me. Senator Chambers, you wish to be recognized? Okay. Fine.